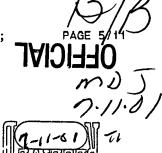
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir.

In the Advisory Action mailed 11 April 2001, the Examiner rejected claims 1 to 7 pending in the above-captioned patent application. In response to the Advisory Action, please find attached a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the following statement of proposed amendments and explanatory remarks. We respectfully request reconsideration of the instant application in view of the proposed amendments and the remarks.

## IN THE CLAIMS

A marked up copy of claims 1 and 7 is annexed as Annex A with a clean copy of claims 1 and 7 being annexed as Annex B. Please delete claims 5 and 6 without prejudice.